

and then, "Will my life impress a hundred years to come? Are the things for which I am living immortal?" If the "things that never die" are not foremost in your life, you are wasting precious moments and splendid opportunities. In a hundred years you and I may live in the world, *live* thru the matchless power of a godly life, *live* thru the silent influence of a beautiful soul; yes, we may live forever in a better world than we found if we leave behind us the priceless legacy of a noble life. But we can do so only by having a pure heart hidden in God and a loving life devoted to his glory and to the salvation of the souls of men. Our Father, take from our hearts all things that are transitory and lead us in the way everlasting.

## Literary Notes

Mr. W. A. Fraser, author of *Mooswa and Others* has just written for early publication in *The Saturday Evening Post* a short, stirring serial, entitled *The Outcasts*.

The Outcasts are an old buffalo and a wolf-dog, and the greater part of the story is about the strange comradeship and striking adventures of these companions, and their pligrimage, in company, to the distant plains of deep grass, of which the wolf-dog knew.

There are action, and strength of word and phrase in the story, and the touch of the soil and the music and charm and somberness of the forest. The rush of the frenzied buffalo herd to death is told with splendid dramatic power. The plan of the book is a unique conception, and it is worked out on novel and entertaining lines.

The *Preachers' Magazine* for March (an Easter number) is before us and with prolific contents with regard to the season. The "Meditations at the Holy Sepulcher," an Easter sermon by John Greenleaf Oakley, D. D., abounds in suggestive reflections. It is accompanied with a fine likeness of the preacher. "The Pulpit from the View Point of the Pew," a layman's address, by Mr. H. Ballantyne, is excellent. "The Fall of Jericho," by George Adams, D. D., is very good. "Easter Thoughts and Meditations" contain a variety of appropriate articles suited to the Easter season. "Hints to Christian Workers," Part II, an address to Christian Workers, by Rev. W. Hay M. H. Aitken is full of pertinent and useful suggestions. The Homiletic Department contains a rich selection of pertinent themes. "The Resurrection of the Dead," by Alfred Tucker; "Repentance," by James M. Bennett; "The Excellency of the knowledge of Jesus," by Rev. Edwin H. Cure, evinces marked ability. "Ash Wednesday," by Rev. E. M. Anderson; "Lent," by Rev. E. P. Cachmaile; "Palm Sunday," by Rev. J. Robertson, and "Christ Died for Us," an address for Good Friday, by Rev. G. T. Newton, as also "The Risen Christ," are all good. "Counsels to Teachers on Bibles with Queer Names" is valuable. "Sermonettes" are especially helpful. "Courses of Sermons for Holy Week" are suggestive. Children's sermons very pleasing upon "Beautiful Snow," by Rev. Samuel Gregory. "Our Expositors' Note Book" full of interest. "Notes and Illustrations" are rich. "Notes on the

International Sunday School Lessons," by Dr. William E. Ketcham, maintains their valued interest. Also Outlines on the Golden Texts, by the editor. It is a choice and exceedingly helpful magazine, especially to the clergy. \$1.50 a year; single copies 15 cents. WILBUR B. KETCHAM, Publisher, 7 and 9 West Eighteenth St., New York.

In the Easter Number of *The Saturday Evening Post* Forrest Crissey tells of the wonderful work of the International Sunday-school Lesson Series. The Central editorial staff is the American Lesson Committee, and it will hold its next meeting in New York on April 17, 1901. Twenty million teachers and pupils simultaneously study the same lesson, which is prepared by this syndicate. It has auxiliary associates in other countries. The syndicate is composed of men of the highest scholarship especially gifted in research in the Old and New Testaments. The success of this work was never greater than at present.

The great steel trust will be treated in the April number of *The World's Work*, of course, and from the human (that is the interesting) side. There are three great factors in this gigantic deal centering about three men.

1st. Andrew Carnegie. The chief object of this combination was to get Mr. Carnegie out of the way of the steel business. We print the most correct and authentic account of the man ever written, with much new and surprising information.

2nd. J. Pierpont Morgan, who brought these great interests together. Our story of Mr. Morgan is important and absorbingly interesting.

3rd. Charles M. Schwab, who at the age of twenty-eight was head of the Homestead plant, at thirty-five president of the Carnegie Company, and at thirty-nine president of the United States Steel Corporation. A sketch is printed from first hand information.

This is an example of *The World's Work* treatment of one current topic. It is a live magazine. April number ready March 23rd.

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### Observations

I am now seated in the spacious and beautiful new EVANGELIST sanctum in the home of our editor. EVANGELIST readers with enough of the aesthetic in their being to observe and appreciate the clean typology of the paper will be able to imagine to some little degree what the immediate surroundings of the editor must be; the neatness of the paper simply bespeaks the neatness of his home and office. It is however not to be supposed that all the glory for this condition of things belongs to the editor, if indeed any, as the duster and dust brush is no doubt wielded by the other side of the house.

It is a matter of peculiar pleasure to me to visit Ashland, the "hub" of the church. Here is the college, the publication office, and so many of the well-known and prominent workers in the church, altogether in one hive, in one sense, as all have the center of their work in the college building. As far as I can tell by one day's observation everything is moving harmoniously and economically; the latter from necessity if not from choice.

Sunday, March 24, I spent with the brethren in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg church was an interesting study to me in all its aspects, and I must confess that my observations there stirred up within me somewhat of a feeling of lawful jealousy. The Philadelphia church organized with more members than Pittsburg several years ahead of the latter, and yet today Pittsburg outranks Philadelphia in point of an active, self-sacrificing member-

ship. We of the Quaker City are sometimes credited with a large faith, but somehow the "Smoky City" has a larger, as is manifest by the beautiful and commodious, and substantial church house built there, just about ready to be dedicated. It is a thing of beauty and I hope and pray that it may be "joy forever" to dear brother D. J. Bole and all his faithful supporters.

Before coming to Pittsburg I attended the second quarterly Bible and Missionary Convention of Pennsylvania held at McVeytown. This is an outpost of the church with but few members, consequently the day sessions were not largely attended, but the town turned out in the evenings in goodly numbers. Brethren Bole, Wise, Darling, Hazlett, Replogle and the writer were present as workers. All of us enjoyed the season together, as it was edifying and inspiring to each other, and made quite an impression for good upon our brethren there, who were almost famished for the want of spiritual food. If any of our brethren doubt the wisdom or utility of these conventions it would have done their lean souls good to have seen the avidity with which the brethren received the words spoken. The last session was continued with unabated interest until after eleven o'clock at night. As to the substantial, or lasting result of the convention it is of course too early to presume to speak, but if our dear brethren at McVeytown will hold fast to that which they have heard, and stand true to the professions they have made there will much good result from the effort made, in both time and in eternity. We have watered, and pray the dear Lord that he may give the increase.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

### How It Is Done

Editorial vigilance is the only safeguard against errors in magazine-making. Every article that is published in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, for instance, is read at least four times in manuscript form, and all statements of fact verified before it goes to the printer. Then it is read and revised by the proof-readers; goes back to the author for his revision; is re-read by the editors three or more times, at different stages; and again by the proof-readers possibly half a dozen times additional. Thus each article is read at least fifteen and often twenty times after leaving the author's hands until it reaches the public eye. But with all this unremitting vigilance errors of the most obvious kind occasionally escape observation until perhaps the final reading, but it is rare, indeed, that an inaccuracy hides itself in the pages securely enough to go thru a magazine's edition.

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